

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

The second database server apparatus 59 compares authentication data received from the second authentication apparatus 8 with template data received from the first database server apparatus ~~56~~ 66 to authenticate a user, and stores the template data in its own internal dictionary if authentication succeeds. The second database server apparatus 59 also has a second personal-information database 58 that stores personal information about the user, such as the user's date of birth, address, scholastic record, occupation, income, and so on, this information being received from the first database server apparatus ~~56~~ 66.